CLAIMS

What we claim as our invention is:

1. A polymeric material which comprises at least one peptidomimetic selected from the group consisting of:

$$(Gly-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Xaa-Yaa)_n$$
 (1A)

$$(Gly-Xaa-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Yaa)_n$$
 (1B)

(Gly-Xaa-Yaa-
$$\Psi[(E)CH=CH]$$
)_n (1C)

$$(Gly-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Xaa-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Yaa)_n$$
 (2A)

$$(Gly-Xaa-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Yaa-\Psi[(E)CH=CH])_n$$
(2B)

$$(Gly-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Xaa-Yaa-\Psi[(E)CH=CH])_n$$
 (2C)

and

$$(Gly-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Xaa-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Yaa-\Psi[(E)CH=CH])_n$$
(3)

wherein Xaa and Yaa may be the same or different and represent a natural amino acid, Hyp or Flp;

n means an integer.

- 2. The polymeric material of claim 1, wherein n is 10 or more.
- 3. The polymeric material of claim 1, wherein the peptidomimetic comprises:

$$(Gly-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Xaa-Yaa)_n$$
 (1A)

wherein Xaa is Pro and Yaa is Hyp.

4. The polymeric material of claim 1, comprising a block polymer as follows:

wherein a and b are integers between about 5 and 125, wherein a and b may be the same or different.

- 5. The polymeric material of claim 1, comprising a block copolymer of a peptidomimetic with a natural peptide.
- 6. The polymeric material of claim 1, comprising a monomer as follows:

- 7. The polymeric material of claim 1, the polymeric material mimicking collagen.
- 8. The polymeric material of claim 7, wherein the polymeric material is biocompatible and upon insertion into a region in a living patient where collagen at a previous time had been disposed, the inserted polymeric material provides at least one property of natural collagen.
- 9. A product comprising a polymeric material which is not naturally occurring, comprises alkene bonding and has a triple helix rope-like structure.
- 10. The product of claim 9, wherein the polymeric material comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of:

wherein n means an integer.

- 11. The product of claim 10, wherein n is 10 or more.
- 12. The product of claim 10, wherein the polymeric material has one or more selected from the group consisting of: greater stability than natural collagen, and greater collagenase-resistance than natural collagen; greater ability to fold than natural collagen.
- 13. The product of claim 10, implanted or injected into a living organism.
- 14. The product of claim 10, having biology purity suitable for use in a living human patient.
- 15. The product of claim 10, not capable of producing a problematic immunologic reaction when injected into living human patients.
- 16. A method of tissue replacement in a living organism, comprising: delivering into the living organism the product of claim 1 or claim 10.
- 17. A method of hip replacement, comprising: disposing in a living organism the product of claim 1 or claim 10.
- 18. A biocompatible adhesive formed by the product of claim 1 or claim 10.
- 19. A method of biomineralization, comprising delivering into a living organism the product of claim 1 or claim 10.
- 20. A method of drug delivery, comprising: disposing in a living organism the product of claim 1 or claim 10 wherein the product comprises a drug.

21. A method of synthesizing collagen-like peptides, comprising polymerization of a H-Gly- $\Psi[(E)CH=C]$ -Pro-Hyp-OH monomer.

- 22. The synthesis method of claim 21, including polymerizing tripeptide units.
- 23. The synthesis method of claim 21, wherein a (Gly-Pro-Hyp)_t polymer is synthesized wherein t is a number of repeating units of about 10 to 160.
- 24. The synthesis method of claim 21, wherein a polymer comprising (Gly-Pro-Hyp) repeating units and having molecular weight of about 40,000 is synthesized.
- 25. The polymeric material of claim 1, wherein the peptidomimetic comprises: $(Gly-\Psi[(E)CH=C]-Xaa-Yaa)_n$ (1A)

wherein Xaa is Pro and Yaa is Pro.